

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the original Related Applications paragraph on page 1 with the following rewritten Related Applications paragraph:

--This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/257,918, filed December 21, 2000. This application is related to co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/028,017 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DIGITAL IMAGE AUTHENTICATION" filed December 21, 2001 (~~attorney docket 021971.0164~~) and to co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/028,341 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DIGITAL IMAGE AUTHENTICATION CENTER" filed December 21, 2001 (~~attorney docket 021971.0165~~).--